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SUBJECT: CODEL FEINGOLD MEETS WITH PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF

Classified by Ambassador Anne Patterson, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (C) Summary: In a May 26 meeting with President Musharraf, Senator Russ Feingold discussed Pakistan's current political and economic climate.
2. (U) Senator Russ Feingold, his staff and the Ambassador met May 26 with President Musharraf at his office in Rawalpindi.
3. (C) Musharraf opened the meeting by noting that it is "never a dull moment in Pakistan" and emphasized the importance of the U.S.-Pakistan relationship.
4. (C) Senator Feingold emphasized the importance that the U.S. places on Pakistan and asked Musharraf what role he is playing in the new coalition.
5. (C) Describing his own political future as "confused," Musharraf opined that he had three options: to remain President and play a constructive role, to step down and run for parliament, or to step down and run for the National Assembly.
6. (C) Turning to the threat of terrorism and extremism, Senator Feingold expressed U.S. appreciation for Pakistan's actions to combat terrorism.
7. (C) Referring to U.S. support as "essential" for success in the FATA, the President requested greater intelligence cooperation and asked for more information on the situation in the FATA.
8. (C) Concluding the meeting with a discussion of India-Pakistan relations, Senator Feingold asked Musharraf whether he believed that Kashmir was
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firmly committed to political dialogue with India. Musharraf reported that the GOP had shut down Kashmiri terror training camps in Pakistan,
9. (U) CODEL Feingold did not clear this cable.

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